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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

CHILE.

Trachoma.

Trachoma in a grave form is reported to be present in Chile and to be spreading. Many cases have been reported in Valparaiso, but the disease is most prevalent in localities where the hygienic conditions are defective and where the population in general is of the poorer class. The fact that there is no inspection of immigrants at Chilean ports indicates immigration from countries where the disease is known to exist as the probable means of its introduction into Chile.

CUBA.

Habana—Inspection of Vessels Clearing for United States.

Acting Asst. Surg. Wilson reports as follows regarding the inspection at Habana of vessels clearing for United States ports:

Week ended Aug. 31, 1912.

Bills of health issued.....	20
Vessels inspected and passed.....	16
Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected.....	892
Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected.....	667
Number of vessels certified as complying with paragraph 35, United States Quarantine Regulations.....	10
Vessels fumigated to kill rats.....	7
Vessels fumigated by Cuban authorities under supervision of Public Health Service.....	3
Bills of health issued with recommendation fumigation of vessel after arrival at the United States port.....	2
Passengers individually certified.....	52

Examination of Rats.

During the week ended August 31, 1912, there were examined 868 rats. No plague-infected rat was found.

Transmissible Diseases.

The following statement was issued by the Cuban sanitary department:

JUNE-JULY, 1912.

	Month of June, 1912.			Month of July, 1912.		
	New cases.	Deaths.	Under treatment.	New cases.	Deaths.	Under treatment.
Tuberculosis.....	127	202	1,269	145	217	1,191
Leprosy.....	4	2	344	2	1	341
Malaria.....	114	7	159	129	25	150
Typhoid fever.....	58	14	52	79	17	61
Diphtheria.....	44	3	14	75	11	32
Scarlet fever.....	10	.....	6	29	3	13
Measles.....	56	1	19	79	5	16
Varicella.....	2	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Tetanus in new born.....	27	26	1	21	22	.....
Filariasis.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2
Dengue.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Bubonic plague.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2	1